

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 170

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jason Kemp upon  
serving as the 2018-2019 president of the  
National Association of Agricultural Educators.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Jason Kemp, an educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp has been named the 2018-2019 president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE); he is the first agriculture teacher in the State to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, until his recent retirement, Jason Kemp taught at Dresden High School, where he was a farm manager and agriculture instructor for one of the last high school production farms in the State; he also served as one of two advisors for the school's FFA chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp received his bachelor's degree in university studies with an emphasis in agriculture education from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Jason Kemp is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; during his storied tenure at Dresden High School, his students received eighty-four State FFA Degrees and thirty-four American FFA Degrees; and

WHEREAS, previously the Region I Representative of the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Educators (TAAE), Jason Kemp served as the organization's vice president from 2010 until 2012 and as president the following year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp served as the 2013-2014 NAAE Region V Secretary and as vice president and National Board Representative from 2014 until 2017; he served as president-elect in 2017 and 2018 before beginning his term as president; and

WHEREAS, Jason Kemp has served on the University of Tennessee at Martin Agriculture Alumni Advisory Council since 2017; he is a member of *The Agricultural Education Magazine* Managing Editing Board and was a 2018 member of the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws Taskforce Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Jason Kemp was the 2005-2006 recipient of the TAAE/NAAE Teacher Turn the Key Award for Tennessee/Region V and the TAAE 2008 Outstanding Young Member; he was recognized as the 2011 Weakley County Teacher of the Year and is the recipient of the 2013 Tennessee FFA Honorary American Degree, the 2014 National Honorary American Degree, the 2014 FFA National American Degree Award, and the 2018 Tennessee Iris Festival Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Jason Kemp is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife and children; and

WHEREAS, Jason Kemp epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Jason Kemp for his many contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jason Kemp upon serving as the 2018-2019 president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators, thank him for his many years of

exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.